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SUBJ: MCC, DEFENSE ISSUES TOP MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER

Ref A) USDAO IIR 6 909 0081 09 / Mongolia moves to squelch rumors of arms sales to North Korea (U/FOUO, 23 July 2009)

Ref B) USDAO IIR 6 909 0082 09 / Mongolia seeks US support for upcoming peacekeeping mission to Chad (23 July 2009)

Ref C) USDAO IIR 6 909 0080 09 / Mongolia requests urgent logistic support for planned upcoming UN peace keeping deployments (23 July 2009)

1. (C) SUMMARY: Foreign Minister Sukhbaatar Batbold hosted the Ambassador for lunch July 22. The FM offered to assist with obstacles in reprogramming of Millennium Challenge Account funds, sought assistance with the upcoming Mongolian peacekeeping mission to Chad, and requested a study visit in preparation for Transparency Agreement negotiations. The Ambassador and the FM also discussed plans for upcoming visitors including CODEL Boehner, the President of Mongolia's plans for attending the UN General Assembly, and Mongolia's interest in chairing the Community of Democracies in 2011. Finally, the Foreign Minister used the opportunity to reject rumors regarding Mongolian intentions to sell retooled warplanes to North Korea. End Summary

2. (SBU) The Ambassador, accompanied by the Defense AttachQ and poloff, attended a lunch July 22 hosted by Foreign Minister Batbold. The meeting was intended as a friendly mid-summer review of the bilateral relationship. Key topics included:

3. (C) Airplane Sales: The Foreign Minister volunteered on his own to the Ambassador that the rumors of a potential sale of retooled MIGs from Mongolia to North Korea were groundless. Please see ref (A) for more details.

4. (SBU) Peacekeepers to Chad: The Mongolians will be sending a large contingent of peacekeepers to Chad. Mongolia does not have any diplomatic presence in Chad and will need additional USG support to assist this mission. Please see refs (B and C) for more info. The Foreign Minister also hoped our DATT in Chad would be a source of advice to Mongolia's peacekeepers once deployed.

5. (SBU) Millennium Challenge Account: The Foreign Minister, following up on statements he made in June when he met the Secretary in Washington, offered to assist with any problems reprogramming the MCC money ahead of the upcoming Sept. 9 board meeting. Batbold is very supportive of the current proposal to increase the funding of existing projects and add additional projects on roads, renewable energy (including pollution abatement), and veterinary medicine. He is eager to ensure that Mongolia does not lose any of the money originally intended as a result of the failure of the railroad project.

6. (SBU) Transparency Agreement: Batbold is eager to push for a Transparency Agreement, but he believes that the Ministry needs to understand the process better to negotiate effectively. The GoM will be requesting a study visit by one or two officers to USTR. The Mongolian Embassy in Washington will be raising it shortly directly with USTR, but they would appreciate our support and guidance moving forward.

7. (SBU) UNGA: President Elbegdorj is tentatively planning to attend the UN General Assembly opening ceremony. At this time he is not planning to request any additional bilateral meetings, preferring instead to wait for a more focused bilateral Washington visit in 2010. Instead, Elbegdorj will focus on regional and multilateral climate change discussions and may attempt to address the General Assembly if scheduling allows. The Prime Minister is not planning to attend the UNGA at this time.

8. (SBU) COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES: FM Batbold raised the issue of Mongolia's chairing the Community of Democracies in 2011. He believes there is a broad consensus in support of Mongolia's chairmanship. He thinks this will be a good opportunity for Mongolia to raise its international profile. Mongolia will be eager for any feedback or information closer to 2011.

9. (SBU) CODELS AND UPCOMING VISITS: Batbold expressed his appreciation for the Price Congressional Delegation (CODEL) that visited in June, and is eager to meet with the members of the Boehner CODEL if scheduling allows. The Ambassador mentioned that the FM should meet with commitment to Mongolia.

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